REMARKS

A minor editorial revision has been made to the specification. Claims 1, 3, 5, 12 - 13, and 16

have been amended. Claims 8 - 9, 14 - 15, and 17 have been cancelled from the application without

prejudice. Claims 18 - 20 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. The amendments

and added claims are supported in the specification as originally filed. Claims 1 - 7, 10 - 13, 16, and

18 - 20 are now in the application.

Page 5 of the Office Action dated April 9, 2004 (hereinafter, "the Office Action") states that

Claims 9, 15, and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of

the base claims and any intervening claims. Independent Claims 1, 12, and 16 have been amended to

include limitations from these claims, along with limitations of the intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as currently presented are allowable, and

request reconsideration of the pending rejected claims, withdrawal of all presently outstanding

rejections, and allowance of all remaining claims at an early date.

Respectfully submitted.

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